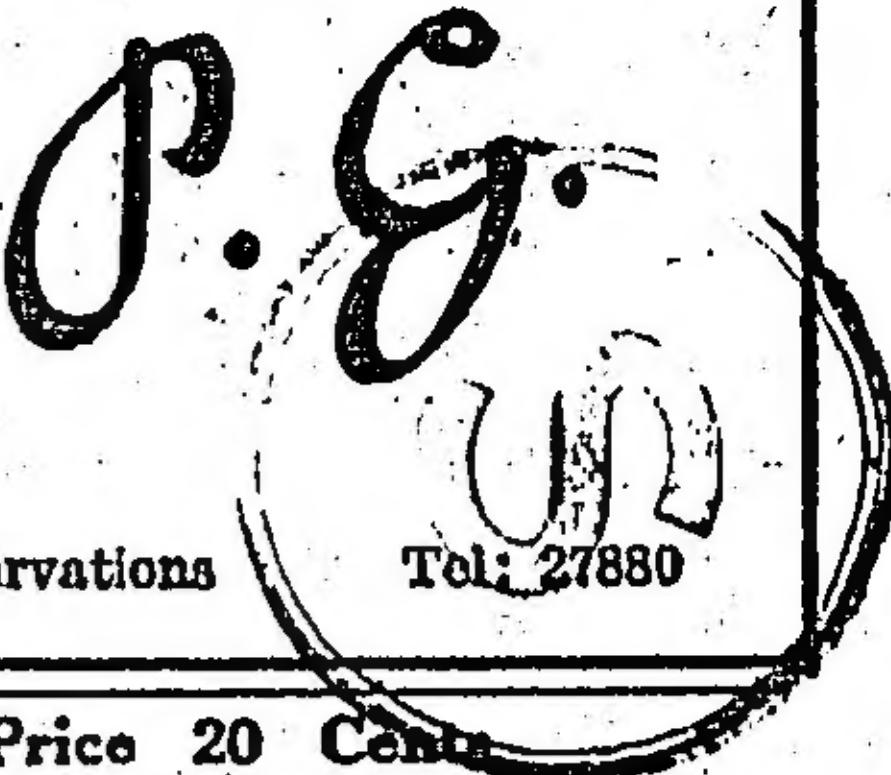


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Bidault Puts In His Spoke

Threatens To Block Big 4 Decision

London, Dec. 9.—French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault indicated in a clash with Russian Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov that he would block any Big Four decision on German economic unity until France gets an answer to her demand for control of the Saar.

The United States and Britain already have approved economic absorption of the industrially rich Saar valley by France, but Russia has not committed herself.

Briefing officers of the United States, Britain and France told newsmen of the incident in the meeting of the Foreign Ministers' Council.

Before Bidault threatened the new deadlock, they said he pressed Molotov for a decision on the Saar, but got only the answer that the Council would have the "time and occasion" to discuss the Saar problem.

The Council reached tentative agreements on some secondary points regarding the economic future of Germany, but the records were overshadowed by disputes.

British officials said the Council agreed generally on a British proposal for drafting a common export-import programme for Germany.—Associated Press.

FINE JOB BY MINERS

London, Dec. 9.—British coalminers last week beat all output records since the fall of Dunkirk in 1940.

They won 4,200,700 tons from deep mining and opencast working. In Dunkirk week, 4,053,100 tons were mined.

With four weeks to go to the end of the coal-year on January 3, 1948, it is no longer a question of "Will the miners reach their target of 200,000,000 tons?" but "How much will the target be beaten?"

With 185,080,200 tons already mined this year, there remains 14,919,800 tons to be obtained in four weeks.

As the miners have exceeded the 4,000,000 mark each week during November, there should be a considerable balance on the 200,000,000 ton target.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Big Four Stalemate

DESPITE a certain amount of agreement on procedure, there appears to be little hope that the London conference of Foreign Ministers will advance very far towards working out a German peace treaty.

Progressive discussions on principle issues are being statemented by Russia's insistence on payment of reparations as a prerequisite for the economic unity of Germany. M. Molotov persists in this demand in the face of strong protests by the United States, Britain, and France that Germany cannot afford to pay another \$10,000,000 in reparations, and at the same time help to make herself economically balanced to a degree that will relieve the Western Powers of crippling rehabilitation costs.

M. Molotov unceasingly repeats that the principles of the Potsdam Agreement must be carried out in full, and that any alternatives constitute a violation of that agreement. A study of the Potsdam Agreement suggests that M. Molotov has something of a case, for the relevant articles read: "Reparation claims of the USSR shall be met by removals from the zone of Germany occupied by the USSR and from appropriate German external assets (and that) 10 per cent of industrial capital equipment as is unnecessary for the German peace economy shall be removed from the Western Zones to be transferred to the Soviet Government on reparations account without payment or exchange of any kind in return."

The contingent clause here is that Russia is entitled to repara-

102 Killed In 10 Days Of Bitter Arab-Jewish Fighting

TEL-AVIV STRIFE RENEWED

Jerusalem, Dec. 10.—Bitter communal strife burst out anew this morning in the all-Jewish Tel-Aviv and first reports said three Jews had been slain, boosting the unofficial Palestine toll of dead for 10 days of Arab-Jewish fighting to 102.

A police armoured car was set afire during the fighting by a "Molotov cocktail," in what Jewish sources said was an operation of Irgun Zvai Leumi, the extremist Jewish underground group, which has been in constant conflict with the British.

Unofficial reports said a Jewish policeman had been wounded fatally in the armoured car attack. Jewish sources said other armoured cars came on the scene at once and sprayed the street with bullets for 40 minutes. One of the other two persons killed this morning was a girl. At least three persons were reported injured.

Former HK Journalist Praised

This morning's fighting in Tel-Aviv followed a wild fight during which a taxicab army of Jewish volunteers beat off a two-hour attack by Arab machine-guns and grenade throwers in what some informants called the fiercest fighting since the United Nations decision to partition the Holy Land.—Associated Press.

ARAB AMBUSH

Tel-Aviv, Dec. 9.—A Haganah intelligence officer, Joseph Teitelbaum, described by friends as an authority on Arab customs, was killed today when Arabs ambushed his car near a Bedouin encampment, disarmed his Arab escort and shot him as he fled across a field.

Teitelbaum was killed near the spot where Arabs yesterday ambushed Joshua Globerman.

Haganah meanwhile supported an unofficial British estimate with a claim that its troops had killed 70 Arabs in an Arab attack last night on the Hatikva quarter of Tel-Aviv.

Haganah sources said the attack was first planned and the operation carried out by Arabs in uniform. The Arabs poured heavy automatic fire on the Haganah position from orange groves north of the slum quarter, while unarmed Arabs crept through citrus plantations to the east of the town in a surprise attack on Jewish houses on the outskirts of the village of Salameh.—United Press.

CLAIM BY ARABS

Jerusalem, Dec. 9.—At least 1,500 Palestinian Arabs, after completing military training with the Syrian army in Syria, have slipped back across the Syrian-Palestine border and dispersed to strategic points throughout the Holy Land, informed Arab sources said today.

"Several lorries loads" of arms and ammunition were being sent to the Arab armed forces in the Hebron area of southern Palestine through Transjordan, one source stated.

Jewish casualties in the past 10 hours, according to reliable Jewish sources, were six killed and five wounded.

The Irgun Zvai Leumi in a statement to the Hebrew press appealed to allow them to join in the defense of Jewish lives and property.

British troops tonight enforced a "shoot at sight" dusk to dawn curfew between Jaffa and Tel-Aviv, the trouble spot in recent Jewish-Arab outbreaks.

At least a dozen Arabs and six Jews were tonight reported to have been killed with scores more wounded in last night's gun battle in that area.

A battalion of British troops moved into the "battle" area tonight and camped in the orange groves separating the two towns.

COUNTER "INVASION"

Dr Hussein Khalidi, secretary of the Arab Higher Committee, said tonight that any invasion of Palestine by Jewish displaced persons from Europe would be met by a "counter-invasion of Arabs from neighbouring countries."

He denied as "fantastic" the Jewish claims to have killed 70 Arabs and wounded more than 100 others in last night's battle.

Dr Khalidi, speaking at a press conference, said that there would be no Arab Government-in-Exile.

"If there is an Arab Government, it will be set up in Palestine, but not in Germany," M. Molotov argued.

Asked if he had any knowledge of an international volunteer force being formed under the command of the British officer, Captain Roy Farran, to fight on the Arab side, Dr Khalidi said: "We do not want another Spain here."

He said that the action of the Palestine Government in withdrawing the British police from Tel-Aviv area was in contradiction of the assurances given him by the High Commissioner, Sir Alan Compton.

Revival Of Emperor Worship In Japan Reported

London, Dec. 9.—The reported attempts to revive Emperor worship in Japan will be the subject of a question to the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, in the House of Commons to-morrow.

Mr T. C. Skellington Lodge, Labour, has given notice that he will ask Mr Attlee "whether he is aware that there is evidence in Japan of a movement to reintroduce Emperor worship and whether he will instruct the British representative on the Far Eastern Commission to press for immediate action to prohibit activities of this nature."

British press reports on Emperor Hirohito's visit to atom-bomb blasted Hiroshima last Sunday said that the Emperor was greeted "with fanatical adoration" by 500,000 people lining the streets.

Mr Heslop Tilman, chief Far Eastern correspondent of the Daily Herald and author of several books on Asia and the Pacific, declared in his despatch: "It was a memorable day for the world, for it proved that Emperor worshippers in Japan is back where it started."—Reuter.

RESUME WORK ORDER BY FRENCH UNION BOSSSES

Paris, Dec. 9.—The Communist-controlled majority of the General Confederation of Labour tonight issued "resume work" orders to its 20 striking unions, effective tomorrow.

The decision setting the nation's key industries back in motion followed an emergency meeting of the National Strike Committee.

At one time the strikes, affecting miners, dockers, railway workers, postal and telegraph employees and other government and industrial employees, involved over two million people.

Acts of sabotage on railways culminated in the derailing of a Paris-Lille express near Farms Aures with the loss of 21 lives.

Paris had been without electricity and almost without a postal service, had suffered water, gas and electric cuts and at one time had no local trains and only a few main line trains.

The great ports of Marseilles and Havre were almost idle as a result of strikes.

DECISIONS ANNOUNCED

Tonight's National Strike Committee communique said: "The National Strike Committee meeting on December 9, after having heard the representatives of the Constituent Federations and wishing to fulfil its duty towards French workers, has decided:

"(1) To give an order for the resumption of work, effective from tomorrow.

"(2) To congratulate all those who participated in the battle, or supported it.

"(3) To adopt a declaration to be made to French workers and to publish it throughout the country.

"(4) To call on all workers to reinforce their unity within the CGT.

"(5) To distribute available funds, particularly to families of the heroes, who either fell or were imprisoned during this battle.

"(6) To call on all workers to resume work at the same time as civil servants."

GOVT. PROPOSALS

On December 7 the Government transmitted new proposals to the CGT's Executive Committee as follows:

Monthly allowance of 1,500 francs retrospective to November 21 to workers who did or did not strike. In other words, workers who resumed work would realize the sum of 800 francs living allowance for November.

The Government would abandon until June 1 its decision to block salaries and agreed that steps would be taken to stabilize wages and prices until June 1.

A new minimum wage guarantee will be established to become effective from December 1.

Family allowances will be paid to striking or non-striking workers and will be increased by 22 per cent.

The CGT statement commented: "These are the results you have obtained for yourselves alone, by your strike action."

The statement continued: "We take the responsibility of giving the general resume work for tomorrow, December 10."

"Workers will resume work at the same time as civil servants."

REASON TRIUMPHS

The communiqué made no mention of the fact that the CGT's Executive Committee and National Central Strike Committee already had turned down these same proposals the day that they were submitted.

M. Daniel Mayer, Minister of Labour, who conducted the negotiations with the CGT, on hearing the resume work order, said:

"I cannot hide my satisfaction. It would seem that reason and intelligence has triumphed over force."

"The working class has made necessary discrimination between the economic aspects of their claims and political exploitation of these claims."

"Now, the Government, faithful to its promises, can begin consultations for a general regulation which would fix the equilibrium between

US Govt's Plan For Rationing

MEAT AND PETROL INCLUDED

Washington, Dec. 9.—The United States Government submitted to Congress today legislation proposing the rationing of meat, petrol and other commodities.

Mr William C. Foster, the Under-Secretary of Commerce, told a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee that the bill, handed to the group by the Secretary of Commerce, Mr Averell Harriman, would also permit the Government to buy up the nation's entire crop of wheat and certain other commodities.

Mr Foster said the bill was designed to give President Truman the authority to allocate and fix priorities on scarce items, including livestock and poultry, steel, grain and grain products, goods wagons and other products and materials, and thus control the inflationary trends in the United States.

WIDE AUTHORITY

The measure would give the President the authority to restrict any other materials, if he found after public hearings that shortage was basically affecting the industrial production or the cost of living."

Senator John Cooper (Republican of Kentucky) asked Mr. Foster whether the bill implied authority for consumer rationing.

Mr. Foster replied: "It would include that power."

The Administration's contention was that it should have the power to ration, if necessary, to half-runway prices.

The measure presented to the Committee would extend the export controls and priorities power up to March 31, 1950.—Reuter.

Purchase Of C & W Assets

Pretoria, Dec. 9.—The Union Government has reached an agreement with the Cable and Wireless of South Africa, Ltd., for the purchase of the company's assets as existing on October 31, 1947, the South African Minister of Posts and Telephones announced to-day.

The Department of Posts and Telegraphs will assume the responsibility for the conduct of the external telegraph and telephone services of the Union with effect from January 1, 1948.

All tele-communication, telegraph and telephone radio services within the Union and to and from the Union will be State-owned and State-controlled from that date.

The Minister, Mr. W. Mustafa, statement said that the transfer of control of the external services was the climax to protracted negotiations between the Union Government and the Company after the adoption of the recommendation at the Commonwealth Telecommunications Conference in London in July and August that the Commonwealth Governments should take control of their respective external tele-communications systems.—Reuter.

Far East Trade Union Bureau

Singapore, Dec. 9.—A Far Eastern member of the World Federation of Trade Unions would be formed at a Federation conference to be held at Calcutta next year, Mr Ernest Thornton, President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, said here today.

Mr Thornton, a member of the Commonwealth Conference in London in July and August that the Commonwealth Governments should take control of their respective external tele-communications systems.—Reuter.

Wreck In Harbour Fairway To Be Lifted In Three Sections

After months of difficult preparations, the forward section of the sunken Japanese cargo ship that lies just East of the Kowloon ferry path will be lifted this week.

Part of the huge salvage scheme which has cleared Victoria Harbour of some 100 wrecks and sunken ships, the removal of this wreck has been one of the most difficult and ticklish jobs in the entire programme.

Because the ship lies on the sea floor just a few hundred feet away from the main waterline between Hongkong and Kowloon, it could not be broken by explosives and the entire job had to be done by divers with cutting torches.

The operation was further hampered because the ship lay abreast of the tide and divers could work only at slack tide when they would not be swept into the wreck.

Six divers worked in shifts for several months to cut the wreck into three pieces and make it ready for lifting. Before the wreck was cut, a cargo of steel debris and mineral ore was removed.

The divers worked with a special wartime invention—the ox-arc,

which cuts through metal by shooting oxygen through an electrically charged tube. Developed by the Americans during the war, the ox-arc cuts very quickly and is especially constructed to work underwater.

The forward section, weighing 900 tons is now in the process of being slung on to three pieces of 9-inch cable wire. The section will be lifted today or tomorrow by two specially constructed lifting barges. The remaining two parts, weighing 1,200 and 1,000 tons, will be lifted by the end of the month.

When the operation is complete, only four wrecks will be left in Victoria Harbour, two at the East end and two at the West end. All of these are worthless for salvaging and will be blown apart by explosives. The entire programme will be finished within six months.

The Royal Navy and the Salvage Department have cleared over 100 large and small wrecks since the liberation.

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Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

IT was Budget day before the facts were known and rumours of a shilling on income tax, cigarettes at six shillings for 20 and whisky at five shillings and a half were flying all round the country.

A wild south-westerly wind rattled the windows of the Sea Nest. The haddock for breakfast turned out to be smoked cod with no flavour to it but a salty wetness and the tang of grade C margarine.

Uncle Nat was slowly recovering from what he believed to be his last evening of mild revelry. And Little, the devil cat, who had consented to live with us since last July, was biting your Uncle's ankles, hoping it would rouse him to throw the ping-pong ball down the stairs once more.

The post that morning had produced nothing but bills and a dirty letter from Mr Bloodsucker, the income-tax collector.

Your Uncle Nat's life partner, The Plucky Little Woman, was moving furniture from one room to another—a sure sign that a crisis was at hand.

THE question occupying your Uncle's mind was what sort of life would he be leading after the six o'clock news when details of the Autumn Budget would be announced?

Would he, for instance, have to become a non-smoker?

If income tax went up and the price of cigarettes went up, too, it seemed quite probable.

Or, what seemed even more probable, the P.L.W. would have to become a non-smoker. In which case his nerves might go to pieces and nobody would be allowed to sit in a chair for five minutes before he was pushed out of it and the chair pushed into another room.

In order to avoid a domestic situation so uncomfortable, two cigarette-making machines were bought, one for the P.L.W. and, one for your Uncle.

The P.L.W. gave up almost at once, but your Uncle persevered in his plodding way, carefully reading the instructions, especially the bit about how to make a cigarette in the dark.

After about an hour's effort of trial and error he reached the conclusion that he would find it difficult enough in the glare of a searchlight, let alone the dark.

No more than a few shillings a week would be saved by turning the P.L.W. into a teetotaler.

Therefore the problem to drink or not to drink had to be faced.

By six o'clock your Uncle would know whether he would be able to mix with people any more or whether he would be obliged to retire to his room for ever and read good books.

In any case, as it took him at least half an hour to make one cigarette and 20 minutes to choke over the result, chain smoking by this method would occupy his entire walking life to the exclusion of all other activities, apart from eating.

It was when Little, the devil cat, fascinated by his moving fingers, flew at the cigarette-making machine and scattered the tobacco all over the floor, that he finally gave it up.

Renounce the world?

WOULD your Uncle have to become a teetotaler?

Already high income tax and the increased cost of spirits had made life a hand-to-mouth affair in more senses than one.

There was little left for the rainy day people are always worrying about.

A little more on income tax, a little more on spirits would make all the difference between leading a limited social life and renouncing the world altogether.

Bear could not be consumed because of its disgusting flavour. Wine had been banned because of gout.

Moreover, there was no chance of saving money on the P.L.W.

Unlike your Uncle, who finds the human race intolerable unless he is slightly anaesthetised, the P.L.W. can talk happily and wittily to anybody on a cup of tea.

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IT was about five o'clock. One hour to go.

Above the howling of the wind the noise of heavy furniture rumbling over boards could be heard.

The P.L.W., worked up by the thought of purchase tax on Christmas presents, was tackling the big stuff.

This meant that your Uncle would have to go down and hand a hand before she broke her back trying to shift the piano.

The timing has been determined by the Marshall Plan. If hope and help come to stricken Europe from America, the Communist march will be halted. Therefore Stalin must strike before it comes. He is striking in Paris and Milan.

We misconceive the whole nature of the situation in France and Italy unless we see it as part of the wider battle, the battle for Europe.

The battle cry varies with each class called into action. The French Communist Party simultaneously urges the town proletariat to rise against high prices, and the peasantry to rise against low prices for their food products. No contradiction, however great, is burked, provided only that it causes social disorder and makes ordered Government impossible. The outcome is doubtful in France and Italy. If these countries succumb then we shall see the Russians move into Greece, the pincers applied to Turkey, and the squeeze put upon Persia.

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As a matter of fact, your Uncle is always dragged into this furniture removal business so much so that he has often thought of buying himself a fake apron.

For a little while he refuses to have anything to do with it.

After all, why should he? He doesn't want the furniture pushed around. He thinks it looks very nice where it is.

But after a while he can't bear

to think of her struggling alone at

her senseless occupation, breathing

hard through her nose, her face

flushed with the exertion, and on

her face the expression which says

plainly enough: "Here am I a

weak little woman doing all this

work while a great, hulking man

does his share."

So the great, hulking man has

to go, cursing, into the fray.

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LOTTIE, the devil cat, has also

caught the atmosphere of tension.

Born during the days of last March, she is madder than any March hare. Her favourite sports

are playing squash with ping-pong balls, chasing bits of string manipulated by your patient Uncle, upsetting flower vases, and tearing newspapers to pieces.

Her favourite diet is cake and

washing-up water.

During the morning your Uncle was too distracted by Budget rumours to play with her for more than ten minutes.

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This Space Every Day

BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed for Lois Leeds.

WALKIE, TALKIE!

The amount of walking done by the housewife makes the Postman's job seem like a desk job—almost! What the housewife does to her feet, far too often, should not happen! Flimsy slippers and high-heeled shoes are not the best footwear to help American housewives get through the grueling work days. Tired feet cause tired nerves and tired bodies. These are the causes of much domestic trouble and many women bring it on themselves. They just don't seem to realize the importance of the proper shoes and proper foot care.

It is easy to see why the housewife's feet carry a tough burden when we look at their owner's daily work sheet. She gets up at six or seven A.M. and starts walking! She walks through breakfast, through dish-washing and bed-making. She walks to market, through lunch and dish-washing again!

In the afternoon she walks when the doorbell rings, when the phone rings. She walks away when she clears things away, when she sorts the laundry, when she shops, when she puts clothes into her washing machine (if she has one) and she stands when she washes clothes. She walks her children around the corner, she walks after the baby all day long to keep him safe. And she may have to "walk the dog"! She walks a lot in the kitchen again when she prepares the dinner. She

"walks the food" on and off the table. She walks and walks and WALKS!

When she isn't walking she is standing on tip-toe to reach high shelves, crouching to put the roast in the oven, bending low to dust under the bed and continually giving her feet a "workout."

Of course this strenuous routine should be carried on with proper shoes. Evening shoes, "cocktail" shoes and other frivolous footwear are all right only for leisure hours.

For the walking hours it is vitally important to wear the proper shoes of leather which will support the muscles of the feet. She should have leather soles, firm enough to protect but which flex easily with each motion.

**Minute Makeup** by GABRIELLE

Mascara for evening holds special promise. For that subtle Eye Lure, experiment with color. A soft-focus Blue mascara if you are a Red-head; Chestnut if you are a Blonde; Brown if you're a Brunette and Black if your lashes are dark. Apply a little vaseline to the lashes after the mascara. This gives a Gleam to the eyes and keeps the lashes soft and silky.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



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"If it's okay, I'll be quarterback, and let's put Butch here as fullback—he's not afraid of getting his head dashed in!"

Vatican Pessimistic Over World Peace

By VIRGIL M. PINKEY

Vatican City, Dec. 8.—Authoritative Vatican sources warn that Soviet-American relations have so deteriorated that "differences between the two colossi may lead to a new conflict" unless the present trend is reversed.

LIVERPOOL'S RADAR FERRY SERVICE

The Seacombe Ferry, running between Seacombe (Wallasey) and Liverpool, across the River Mersey, is not only Britain's, but the world's, first ferry service to use radar.

The ferry is very much used, carrying about 20,000,000 people per year, mostly business men and artisans living in Wallasey and working in Liverpool.

In the case the radar equipment is installed on the shore and not upon the ship. One radar set then serves for all the ferry boats, and the masters of the boats are relieved of the task of watching the radar screen. Information on their positions and of the approach of any danger is given to the ferry boats by radio telephone from the shore.

The set at present in use is a slightly modified form of the shipborne type of radar set which was designed to Ministry of Transport specification. It will eventually be superseded by a larger and more elaborate set built for this specialised purpose.

Fully Justified

The radar installation has already fully justified itself. Recently, when fog brought other shipping in the area to a standstill, the British Broadcasting Corporation announced that the Seacombe radar-controlled ferry continued to provide a regular service. Such an installation keeps the communications system of a large and complex area in operation whatever the weather, and its value for this purpose cannot be over-emphasised.

Liverpool will be the first radar controlled port in the world. In addition to the ferry radar, a very much larger radar station is being built for the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board for the control of all ships entering and leaving the Port of Liverpool.

Indian Ocean Fisheries**Two-Year Survey To Be Made**

The Scottish fishing drifter MFRV-No. 1 is to undertake a two-year survey of fishing possibilities on banks in the Indian Ocean not hitherto exploited by modern fishing methods.

The expedition has been organised by the Colonial Office in London, and is financed by the Colonial Development and Welfare Act. It is hoped that it will lead to a considerable expansion in the supply of fish to the people of Mauritius, an island with a population of some 400,000, by the establishment of a Mauritian fishing industry on modern lines. There is the possibility, too, of being able to supply dried fish to the East African market.

The drifter will "work" the banks off Mauritius and the Seychelles, and investigations will be made into the abundance of life in those waters. A general survey will be made of the ocean currents, the nature of the sea bed and the influence of these upon the abundance of fish.

Crew Of Ten

The work will be directed by Dr. J.F.G. Wheeler, who was for a number of years on the staff of the Discovery Committee. He will be assisted by Dr. F.D. Ommanney, who was also on the Discovery Expedition and is the author of "South Latitude" and other books.

The drifter carries a crew of 10, of whom eight are taking part in the outward voyage only. On commissioning, she will be manned almost entirely by a Seychelles crew. The Master is Mr. D. R. Davies, a well-known Milford Haven skipper, who holds a Deep Water Mate's Certificate.

Home School For Quintuplets

The problem of educating the Dionne quintuplets, now aged 13, has been solved by the establishment of a convent school within their own home.

A member of the Dionne household said: "This will enable the girls to complete their education. The school will provide them with companionship without endangering their health or changing too drastically their way of life."

The quintuplets' former nursery will serve as a school building. All the students will wear a distinctive uniform of red, white, and blue.

This sombre warning emerged from conversations with policy-influencing officials of this tiny Catholic city state, which is famed as the world's most thorough and most sensitive diplomatic listening post.

I found the pessimism here is as deep, if not deeper, than in any of the other 10 European capitals I have visited in the past three months. To a specific question one high prelate, who has the confidence of Pope Plus XII, replied: "Yes, the general outlook for peace is much worse than a year ago."

Top-ranking Vatican quarters stress repeatedly that only a return to the Christian spirit, and more emphasis generally on religious values by both people and their leaders, can bring about diminution of international bitterness and misunderstanding.

Displaced Persons

Another source of pessimism was found in the discouraging results of a recently completed Holy See mission to South America in an effort to alleviate the problems of European displaced persons through emigration. Monsignor Palo Bertolin, diplomat attached to the Vatican Secretariat of State, was sent to South America in August as part of Pope Plus' efforts to co-operate with the International Refugee Organisation. He found the best possibilities for emigrants in Argentina and Venezuela, but said even these countries faced tremendous difficulties in realising immigration plans already adopted.

In view of Monsignor Bertolin's report the Vatican, which considers displaced persons Europe's greatest human problem, is recommending two possible solutions: either North America further reduce immigration barriers, or European countries themselves try to get the suffering DPs out of refugee camps by absorbing them gradually in their internal economies.

Production Still Short

On the general economic situation, the consensus of numerous reports reaching the Vatican is that conditions have slightly improved in both Eastern and Western Europe in the past year, but production is still short of the minimum need.

One Vatican official summed it up thus: "The situation in Europe on food, clothing and housing is better than last year, but generous Americans can help is still vitally necessary."

A survey of top-ranking Vatican prelates on two matters of outstanding interest to the Catholic world showed that Pope Plus XII is enjoying excellent health despite recently published accounts in Roman newspapers to the contrary, and that no Consistory to name new Cardinals is anticipated either next spring, as often reported, nor in the immediate future thereafter.

This means the numerous archdioceses of various countries which hope to receive one of the eight "red hats" now open in the Sacred College of Cardinals will undoubtedly have to wait beyond 1948 for one of the prized papal appointments.—United Press.

APPLIED TO RE-MARRY TOO SOON

The Civil Registrar of Calape, Bohol, in the Philippines, was thrown into a quandary recently when Maxima Cubero, a 54-year-old widow, applied for a marriage licence two months after the death of her husband.

According to the Philippine marriage code, no widow is allowed to marry within 301 days from the death of her husband, or before having delivered if she was pregnant at the time of her husband's death.

However, in view of the fact that Maxima Cubero had had her last child in 1915, and the magistrate judged her to have passed the age of procreation, he was inclined to interpret the spirit rather than the letter of the law. As the statute was designed to protect the deceased husband's family name in the event his widow was pregnant at the time of his death, the Civil Registrar reasoned that the 301-day restriction should not be applied to the case of Maxima Cubero.

However, when the case was referred to Secretary of Justice Roman Ozuna for a decision, the Secretary ruled that since the law drew no distinction between old and young widows, Maxima Cubero would have to postpone her wedding.—United Press.

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Tasmania Graft Probe Decision

Hobart, Tasmania, Dec. 9.—A Royal Commission investigating charges of graft against Premier Robert Cosgrove decided to allow Cosgrove to be indicted.

The Premier is accused of having received £5,400 from four road transport service operators in exchange for an assurance that their industry would not be nationalised in this Australian state.

Cosgrove has denied the charges and refused to resign.—Associated Press.

ROME STRIKE THREAT NOW LIFTED

Rome, Dec. 9.—The Communist-led Chamber of Labour in Rome lifted its midnight deadline for government acquiescence to its ultimatum today, and the threat of a general strike in the capital and province lessened. But fresh disorders broke out in Sicily where police reinforcements, hurling tear gas, scattered Communist marchers at Vittoria and Bologna. Several were reported injured at Vittoria but none at Bologna.

While the U.S. aircraft carrier Midway and three destroyers visited Naples, the Rome province Chamber of Labour displayed a restraint new in the Leftists' month-old campaign of strikes and demonstrations against the government. It announced it had deferred a decision on a general strike until Wednesday night.

Step-Down.

This was a step-down from the belligerent announcement on Saturday that an "ultimatum" expiring at midnight on Tuesday had been served on the government to provide 10,000,000 lire (about U.S.\$10,000,000) to absorb 80,000 unemployed in public works, and to punish police responsible for the death of Giuseppe Tanso, a Communist killed during disorders at suburban Prima Valeria last week.

The Chamber of Labour said on Sunday that government failure to meet these conditions by the deadline would bring on a general strike throughout Rome and the province.

There were unconfirmed reports that the Communists and the Left Wing Socialists were at odds over calling the strike, and there was some indication the strike might not be called at all.—Associated Press.

TANKER SPLITS IN TWO

Boston, Dec. 9.—The US\$4,000,000 former Navy tanker, Paganesset, split in half at an East Boston repair slip today, injuring 14 workmen. Officials believe the ship would be a total loss.

Wartime fixtures were being removed when the accident occurred.—United Press.

Information Work Costs Given

London, Dec. 9.—Mr Hector McNeil, Minister of State, in a Parliamentary reply, stated that the total cost of the British Information Services sending overseas posts was £1,470,000 and he thought that Britain got a good return.—Reuter.

ERNIE RODERICK KEEPS WELTERWEIGHT CROWN

London, Dec. 9.—Ernie Roderick, 33-year-old battle-scarred warrior of over 100 fights, retained his British welterweight title when he outpointed Eric Boon, former British lightweight champion, over 15 rounds after a hard, clean fight at Harringay Acre tonight.

Despite his comparative youth, greater strength and acknowledged heavier punch, Boon was not in the picture except in the last three furlous rounds when he endeavoured to turn an almost certain defeat into victory by a knockout.

Boon, with his right eye cut and his left eye slightly swollen, chased the champion around the ring, Roderick kept out of serious trouble.

Willie Wims, Belgian welterweight champion, was forced to retire in the third round of his eight-round fight with Eddie Thomas of Wales in one of the international contests which were supporting bouts to the Roderick-Boon fight.

Wims Outclassed

Wims was completely outclassed by Thomas, the former amateur lightweight champion now fighting as welterweight, but the Belgian's gameness earned him applause at the end. Thomas, nominated the night throughout and evading Wims' swings scored repeatedly with his left.

When Thomas switched his attack to the body in the third round, Wims took counts of five, seven and eight. As he rose from the last of these counts he raised his glove in submission.

Raoul de Gryse, flyweight champion of Belgium, was outpointed by

Franco-Soviet Trade Talks Broken Off

London, Dec. 9.—The Soviet Government today broke off trade talks with France "in view of the hostile position adopted by the French Government with regard to the Soviet Union," Moscow Radio announced.

RAF OFFICER AWARDED GEORGE MEDAL

London, Dec. 9.—The Royal Air Force officer's all-night ordeal on a waterfall-washed precipice ledge, on to which he had fallen during a vain attempt to rescue a crashed glider pilot, was described by the Air Ministry today in announcing the award of the George Medal to Flying Officer Victor McNabney, 22, R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve, of Belfast Road, Bangor, County Down, attached to No. 203 Gliding School, ATC.

On July 6 last, a glider, piloted by R. A. Glass, instructor attached to the gliding school, crashed on the hillside near Coleraine, Northern Ireland, seriously injuring the pilot.

In the early stages of the rescue work, the main rescue party, which included McNabney, could not approach the wreckage beyond a point about 50 feet above it.

McNabney was lowered by a rope to the wreck where he made the pilot comfortable. The rope was then used in an attempt to lift the victim up to the main party.

While adjusting the rescue gear to Glass, McNabney fell back on the ledge and was unconscious for 30 minutes. When McNabney regained consciousness, Glass was dead and no further help could be given to either of them.

McNabney was stranded on the ledge until he was rescued the next morning.—Reuter.

Palace Investiture

London, Dec. 9.—Army and Air Force heroes were among those decorated by the King at an investiture at Buckingham Palace today, when 93 Distinguished Service Orders were awarded.

Among the Army officers who received a double decoration was Major Carl Cathcart, Scots Guards Adjutant at Sandhurst, who received the D.S.O. and the M.C.

Two Members of Parliament received awards: Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Head, of the Life Guards, and Mr Bertie Kirby were both awarded the C.B.E.

Another recipient of the C.B.E. was Lieutenant-Colonel Christopher Dawnay, of the Coldstream Guards, who was on Lord Montgomery's staff during the battle of France and Holland.

Among the several women who were decorated was the matron-in-chief, Gladys Taylor, of Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, who was also made a C.B.E.—Reuter.

Two Share £70,494

London, Dec. 9.—A London old-age pensioner and a Monmouthshire temple worker today shared £70,494—the largest dividend ever declared in a penny football pool.

Seventy-year-old Timothy Yeo, who is too ill to know how much he won, staked 8d. on the pool. The temple worker, Luther Morley, staked 5/4d.—Reuter.

France was hoping to negotiate a shipment of 300,000 tons of Soviet wheat in exchange for French industrial articles.

The break was announced in a note handed to the French Charge D'Affaires in Moscow, Moscow Radio said, ordering the French Repatriation Mission in Russia to leave Soviet territory immediately.

A Reuter Paris despatch quoted the spokesman of the Soviet Embassy there as saying that Russia considered the repatriation pact of June 20, 1945, had been rendered "null and void" by France closing down the Soviet repatriation camp at Benueard, near Paris, last month and subsequently expelling 19 Soviet citizens.

Yesterday, the Soviet Union recalled its Repatriation Mission from France.

Soviet Note

The Soviet note, as broadcast by Moscow Radio today, makes reference to a French communiqué of December 6, which "shows that the French Government is unilaterally annulling the Franco-Soviet repatriation agreement of June 29, 1945, and intends to terminate the work of the Soviet Repatriation Commission and that, furthermore, it accused two members of the Commission, Messrs Filatov and Sokolkin, of subversive activities against France."

The note adds: "The Soviet Government regards this charge of subversive activities against France levelled against the two members of the Soviet Repatriation Commission as foul slander, devoid of any foundations and fabricated by the French Government in order to justify its arbitrary actions in regard to Soviet citizens in Beaugearde and to members of the Union of Soviet Citizens in France and its arbitrary proceedings in unilaterally annulling the Franco-Soviet repatriation agreement, and also in order to mislead French public opinion on the subject of the true position in France at the present time."

Regarded As Hostile

"The Soviet Government regards such actions on the part of the French Government as hostile and contrary to the spirit of the alliance and mutual assistance between the USSR and France, and it holds the French Government responsible for the consequences."

The Soviet Government has also instructed all members of the Soviet Repatriation Commission to leave France.

The French Foreign Office announced last Friday that French experts were going to Moscow to negotiate for the shipment of 300,000 tons of Russian wheat for France, with France supplying industrial articles in exchange.—Reuter.

SAVED FROM NOOSE

London, Dec. 9.—The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council today lifted a sentence of death which had been hanging over four Somalis for two years.

The men, Adam Haji Jama, Saeed Mohamed, Dein Dara and Sarah Abdullahi, were sentenced to death by the Protectorate Court of Somaliland on December 19, 1945, after it was alleged they had taken part in an attack on non-Muslims in which one man was killed and another wounded.

To-day, the men appealed from a judgment of the Protectorate Court sitting as a Court of Appeal on May 30, 1946.

For the men, it was contended that the trial was against all the principles of justice because the Judge acted as prosecutor and also did not obtain the opinion of the Assessors at the trial.

At the original trial, it was stated that after a meeting of tribesmen lasting several days, an unlawful assembly fired shots at the prison at Burao, killing one prisoner.

It was also alleged that attempts were made to murder two British officers.

It was contended that there was no evidence that any of the four men were members of the assembly when it became unlawful.—Reuter.

Temperature Drops 28 Degrees

Chicago, Dec. 9.—The coldest weather of the season chilled parts of the American Middle West today. A temperature drop of 28 degrees Fahrenheit was reported

from Minnesota.—Reuter.

Public Executions

Rangoon, Dec. 9.—Public executions by the firing squad will take place "within the next few days" of persons guilty of retaining unlicensed arms and ammunition, a Burmese Government announcement said yesterday.

The statement revealed that, in response to the Government's appeal, more than 11,000 illicit weapons, including Sten guns, Bren guns, tommy-guns and machine-guns have already been surrendered.

Rugby Results

London, Dec. 9.—The results of Rugby Union games played last night were:

Munster 3, Australians 6.—Reuter.

DAB and FLOUNDER



—by Walter

Americans & Russians Argue Over Marriage

Geneva, Dec. 9.—The United States and the Soviet Union argued today in a new field—that of love and marriage. They clashed politely and with laughs over the article of marriage proposed for the Declaration of Human Rights, which the second session of the U.N. Human Rights Commission is drawing up here.

Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt said the United States favoured the article saying that women and men should have the same freedom to marry.

The Soviet representatives, A. E. Bogomolov, retorted that this proposal suggested that petitions alleging violation of human rights should first be examined by a committee of five experts. If these could not settle the complaint, it would pass to the Human Rights Commission, whose decision would be published.

If this decision did not have the desired effect, the case would be passed on to the International Court, whose judgment would be enforceable by the United Nations.—Reuter.

Letters To The Editor

Anti-TB Work In Hongkong

Sir,—For your constant help and encouragement to anti-TB effort the Colony's TB sufferers, may the whole community, should be for ever indebted to you. It is sad, that the misleading idea that any poor and does not concern the rich and is still so deeply rooted here. It is strange that the rich still behave like the proverbial ostriches toward our TB menace. The infection of TB generally takes place in childhood and development of the disease takes place in young adult life. With TB sufferers so prevalent around us, the children of the rich as well as the poor are in constant danger wherever they go, the schools, the cinemas, the restaurants, and even in one's home where an amah or a house-boy or a cook may unsuspectingly be harbouring the disease. If only the rich can realize this fact and are sensible enough to face it, the need of the HK Anti-TB Association of seven laikas for its projected sanatorium with so many wealthy people and big firms around us should be easily taken care of.

There is another fact which we should know, that is the great majority of those developing TB are young people at the most productive period of their lives—hence they become a great economic liability, instead of a great asset as they should be to our human society. In other words, while these young people should be producing and enriching our community, because of TB they become not only useless but wasteful to society, and a burden to us all.

Indeed the relatively small number of beds to be available in the projected sanatorium will be a handicap to our effort in solving our gigantic problem. However, there is a way to minimize this shortcoming.

(1) Form a medical committee, consisting of—chest physician and surgeon, and a radiologist to select cases for admission to the sanatorium.

(2) Only early open cases which can be converted to non infectious and be greatly benefited by a short stay in the sanatorium and bona fide residents of the colony should be admitted.

It is the useful practice in the west to keep a patient in a sanatorium for one or two years. With proper choice of cases with the help of the higher specific immunity characteristic of the Chinese, we can, without sacrificing efficiency, make each patient stay for three months, and to continue treatment ambulatorily at the clinic to a successful end. Thus in a year we can serve four to eight times the number of beds.

The guiding and inflexible rule of admission must be based on shortest possible stay with greatest possible benefit irrespective of who the patients are or who recommends them.

It should be remembered that just prior to the outbreak of the Pacific war, when money was so much of greater value than at present, Sir Robert Ho Tung very generously donated nearly £1,000,000 towards the sanatorium fund of the H.K. Anti-TB Association and had it not been for the war or money had not depreciated so much in value, we would certainly be ready with a sanatorium long before now. Sir Robert's generous donation has now been spent for the purchase of the named radiography unit, which is named after him.

I think there will be many wards in our new sanatorium, may I therefore venture to suggest that they be named after the big donors, firms or individuals?

In conclusion I appeal to the wealthy section of our community in connection with the proposed constitution for Malaya to which the Malayan Chinese population has raised several objections.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Singapore recently objected to the proposal to separate Singapore from the revised scheme for a Federation of Malaya as a British protectorate. The new constitution is expected to come into effect soon after January 1.—Reuter.

(Mr. MacDonald is due in Hongkong this afternoon on a short visit.)

Full Dress Palestine Debate Postponed

Lake Success, Dec. 9.—The United Nations Security Council decided tonight to postpone the discussion on Palestine.

After debating whether to embark immediately on the discussion of the General Assembly resolution on the Palestine partition, the Council adopted this formula: "The Council, having received the Assembly's resolution on Palestine, decided to postpone its discussion."

The United States delegate, Mr. Herschel Johnson, said, during the discussion of the agenda, that an immediate full dress discussion of Palestine by the United Nations Security Council would be "extremely unwise" in view of developing events there.

The Council Chairman, Mr. John D. Hood, of Australia, proposed postponing any discussion till a later stage, and also proposed postponing a decision on the application to the Lebanon and Egypt to participate in the discussions.

This was immediately challenged by Faris Al Khouri (Syria) who said that the Council could not just brush the question aside. He said the Council has sole responsibility for enforcing partition and must, therefore, discuss fully all its implications.

Faris said that there would be a widespread doubt about the competence of the proposed Palestine Commission, and the Security Council should fully debate the legal basis for this Commission.

"The General Assembly is not a world government with power to partition countries and set up governments," he said. "The Security Council is only an organ with power to enforce the Assembly's decisions."

Faris called for a decision immediately on the Lebanese and Egyptian applications, and suggested a full-dress Palestine debate at the next Council meeting.

M. Andrei Gromyko (Russia) urged the Council to accept the General Assembly resolution immediately, but Faris objected to this "most improper procedure."

In answer to a query whether Australia would be permitted to remain on the three-nation "Good Offices" Commission seeking a solution of the Indonesian troubles after she had retired from the Council

Tientsin, Dec. 9.—The United States Consulate here this afternoon confirmed press reports of the death of Captain Harley Moore, the American pilot of the CATC aircraft which crashed in Communist territory near Paoteng, southwest of Peiping, on October 17.

Jack Dodds, representing the Friends Ambulance Unit, volunteered to conduct the investigations which resulted in the recovery of an identification tag belonging to Captain Moore and the engine number of the missing plane.

The plane had emitted smoke and flames from the left wing and had crashed and broke into three parts, finally exploding after burning on the ground.

The explosion was reported to have killed three and injured 20 civilians, who were presumed to be onlookers.

Captain Moore was from Raleigh